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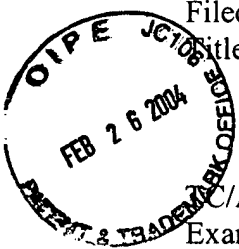
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## RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action of January 22, 2004. Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-15 and 24-31) for prosecution.

Applicants have also been required to elect a single species, with claims 1-5, 14, 15 and 24-26 being generic. Applicants elect the species of claims 7-11, with traverse. The prior art relevant to the elected species will include the prior art relevant to the non-elected species. In other words, the Examiner will not have to do a significant amount of additional searching to adequately search the non-elected species.

An action on the merits of claims 1-15 and 24-31 is respectfully requested.

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